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Connecticut General Assembly  
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RE: HB 6338  
An Act Concerning Landscape Architects

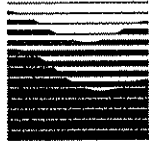
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Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak and Distinguished Members of  
the General Law Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for HB 6338 on behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA). This bill is proposed to resolve both a house keeping issue as well as enhancing the state's ability to recognize and respond to consumer complaints. These modifications address two distinct issues: modification of the administrative procedures for the suspension or revocation of a license, and requiring a certificate of authorization for the practice of landscape architecture in the corporate form. These proposed changes incorporate language similar to that currently required for Connecticut Architects and Engineers, and firms practicing Landscape Architecture nationally.

Section 1 At present, the only sanction that the Board and Department can bring to bear is the suspension of a license "... for a period, not to exceed one year..." The proposed Act will enable the Board, after holding administrative hearings, to issue letters of reprimand, place a licensee on probation, and levy a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. All of these measures are consistent with the provisions of other licensing bodies within the Department of Consumer Protection.

Section 2 of the proposed Act would require a corporation or limited liability corporation (LLC) that engages in the practice of landscape architecture to register with the Board of Landscape Architects and to identify the individual(s) within the corporation who are in "responsible charge" and who oversee the landscape architecture work of that corporation. Currently, when a corporation or LLC advertises or offers to practice landscape architecture, neither the consumer nor the Board of Landscape



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Architects has any way knowing if that corporation employees Connecticut licensed Landscape Architects. This is even more problematic if the corporation or LLC is not a Connecticut based company. This Act will provide better identification of the actual source of complaints and more effective recourse to the consumer and the Board when enforcement action may be required.

CTASLA respectfully requests your favorable action on HB 6338.

Very truly yours,

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